

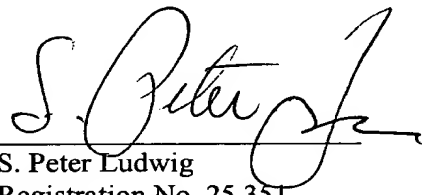
REMARKS

This application includes claims 1-26. Claims 1, 4, 14, 15 and 24-26 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 5 and 16 are allowed. Claims 2, 6, 13, 17, 21 and 23 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-15 and 17-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Wang (U.S. Patent 6,636,505) in view of Chari (U.S. Patent 6,058,445). Applicant has therefore canceled claims 1, 4, 14, 15 and 24-26. Claims 2, 6, 13, 17, 21 and 23 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 5 or 16. The remaining claims in the application each depend from one of claims 2, 6, 13, 17, 21 and 23. Therefore, in view of the patentability of independent claims 5 and 16, claims 2, 3, 6-13 and 17-23 are believed to be patentable, as well.

Applicant believes the amendments and remarks stated above to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, all the claims in the present patent application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice to this effect is requested.

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